

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

Would that our local PTA would have as many aspirants for its presidency as those seeking the Republican and Democratic nominations. Then it wouldn't be in the predicament it is now—without a candidate.

The outgoing president wants to be just that. Former president, Lucille B. Huber, has not responded to an "I Want Lucy" movement. One of the younger members replied that she was "waiting until '72" when her youngest was in school, and so it went.

It was hoped that other names bandied about by the nominating committee were merely playing it coy, but unfortunately, they must not have been kidding because the election had to be canceled. Oh, there were many who were willing to co-operate and do everything possible to enhance another's candidacy, but unlike Bobby Kennedy they were more than willing to step aside to see the other member nominated.

Not that it's been easy in the past to find a pigeon, or, I mean "honor" a woman with the PTA presidency, because it has not. Usually the job is filled by a member who responds to a draft but as I have reported, the PTA version of "Responding to a draft" is somewhat different from the recognized meaning. The plans call for the nominating committee to telephone a prospective candidate while she's taking a bath. With the scant protection offered by a towel, it does get drafty, especially when her kids keep opening and shutting the door.

Rather than argue and remain on the phone too long she accepts, to avoid catching pneumonia. Or gain the reputation as the neighborhood Bridget Bardot.

Of course, I have heard of prospective candidates for the job who have used the weakest and often the most ridiculous reasons for not accepting the presidency. I know, because I've used every one of them.

The recourse I used most often, however, is to accept a lesser position in the PTA and issue a statement:

"I would like to continue in my present committee chairmanship as 'Mustard co-ordinator' on the Hot Dog Committee. I feel I can do more for my country, my school, the PTA, and the annual school Play Day if I remain in my present position."

However, I, for one, am not too optimistic. There are just too many members who have stated: "I sleep a little better at night, knowing that Someone Else is serving as president of the PTA."



ADDED WITH PLEASURE

Mrs. Ellen Booz, principal of the Yukon School, engraves the names of this year's Honorary Life recipients chosen by the Yukon PTA. They are, at left, Alfred Romero, who has given many years of service to the youth of the area, especially Cub and Boy Scouts, assisted with the Bicycle Safety program at Yukon, works with the PTA Council and served on the March of Dimes. At the right is John Tucker, who has taught in the Torrance Unified School District for years, and is a past president of the Yukon PTA. (Press-Herald Photo)

Torrance Eastern Star

Observes Advance Night

Advance Night was observed by the Torrance Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, last Thursday evening with the offices of Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron held by Betty and Wayne Larson, Charlotte Dolan advanced to Associate Matron.

Other stations were held by Kay Ivey, conductress; Allan Butler, associate patron, and Roberta Butler, associate conductress.

Alice Fuerstengerger, marshal for the evening, escorted Raymond and Lois Lougee, hosts for the evening.

Others serving were Dorothy Roiling, Adah; Ruth Bell, Ruth; Virginia Bullington, Martha, and Grace Powell, Electa.

An honor line was formed

Couple Feted On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McLaughlin of San Pedro, who are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary today, were entertained at dinner last Sunday evening by their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Meyer of Torrance.

The honor guests, the Meyers and their daughters, Carlyle and Sherrie, who have made their home at 2610 Ridgeland in Torrance for the past 13 years, will move on April 20 to their new home at 27972 Beechgate Dr., Palos Verdes Peninsula.

around the altar and the Bible was brought in by Kay Ivey of Lomita. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ratzlaff, worthy matron and patron opened the meeting. Charley Smith and Jack Spence escorted the line officers, Betty Larson, associate matron; Wayne Larson, associate patron; and Charlotte Dolan, conductress.

Betty Larson presided during the Good of the Order.

Presented were Ethel Dowling, deputy grand matron; worthy matron and patrons of the district, Anna Mae Hostetter and Elden Hostetter, Wilmington; Muriel Gasser and Burton Washburn, Lomita; Edith Gardner, Carnation; Dudley and Connie Griffin, Playa Linda. Also introduced were past matrons and patrons of the Torrance Chapter and other jurisdictions and Helen Andrews, grand representative of Nevada.

Filling the offices for the

Into New Home

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Sigma Kappa Alums Hear Economist

Next regular meeting of the South Bay Alumnae of Sigma Kappa will be on Tuesday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Thomas Chapman, Palos Verdes Estates. Co-hostesses will be Miss Margo Wells.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Walter Danforth, director of public relations and economic planning for Coast Federal Savings. The subject of his talk will be "Inflation—Economics of Delusion." This timely topic will cover the effect of the present gold problem, taxes, and the Vietnam war on our economy.

A native of West Liberty, Ill., Danforth earned degrees in both Engineering and Business Administration from Milliken University at Decatur. After graduation from the University, he served three years in the Army Counter-Intelligence Corps. Before joining Coast Federal Savings in 1964, Mr. Danforth was a Production Engineer for the Allis Chalmers Company at Springfield, Illinois.

All Sigma Kappas are invited to this meeting.

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HOWARD WOOD

Many thanks to Mrs. Ruth Callaway, Health Educator for the Torrance and Harbor City County Health Department, for the talk on Venereal Disease, held at the Howard Wood PTA meeting of March 27. The film, "Dance Little Children" was shown to parents and teachers and a discussion followed.

Elected to serve for the year 1968-69 on the Howard Wood PTA board were the following officers: Mmes. William Brown, president; James Hinds, William Lorenz, Chester Beene, vice presidents; Paul Crossman, recording secretary; Bill Wood, treasurer; William McKenna, auditor and Wesley Coleman, historian.

Winners of the attendance awards for the evening were Miss Fox, Mrs. Straw, lower division; Miss Sonner, middle division; Mrs. Ellsworth, Mrs. Harshaw, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Brier, upper division.

Executive board members met at the home of Mrs.

Donald Darrow, Tuesday, April 2 Discussion was held on the Mexican dinner to be held in conjunction with open house on Wednesday, April 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from any board member and reservations made at that time.

HALLIDALE
Hallidale PTA will sponsor a Parent Education Series of six classes on elementary school reading beginning April 17, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Mrs. Helen Shields will conduct the class to teach parents ways in which they may help their child to better reading skills.

New officers of the Hallidale PTA elected recently for the coming year are Mmes. James Murphy, president; Harold Kirchmann, James Cyphers, Jack Schooner, and Jeanne Morger, vice presidents; Herbert Vida, secretary; Lou Camilli, corresponding secretary; William Kerr, treasurer; William Sanders, historian; and Gene MacKay, auditor.

Women's Club Meets Tuesday

Mrs. Dudley Fitz, Christian Education consultant, Bible teacher and writer will be the guest speaker at the 11:45 a.m. luncheon meeting of the Palos Verdes Christian Women's Club, Tuesday, April 9, at the Los Verdes Country Club.

A special feature will be a jewelry fashion show presented by Evelyn Mette. Betty Hammer, soprano, will sing, accompanied by Frances Roberts at the piano.

Mrs. James Hamilton may be called for reservations. Free nursery care is available at the Rolling Hills Covenant Church.

Also, Alice Fuerstengerger, Westwood Hills, marshal; Alpha Smith, San Pedro Harbor, Adah; Edna Johnson, Point Firmin, Ruth; Bea White, Playa Linda, Esther; Marie Spence, Wilmington, Martha; Agnes Lambert, Carnation, Electa; Ise Schroeder, San Pedro Harbor, warder; Fred Bever, Torrance, sentinel; Robert Rudge, flag bearer; Frederick Cook, Torrance, prompter; Francis Reiser, Torrance, electrician; Ruth Hardin, Torrance, publicity; Carmen McGee, Wilmington, organist.

The reception was in the dining room which was decorated in roses with a fountain at the head table. Charlotte Outcalt and Florence Childs were chairmen, assisted by the 1968 hostesses.

Jumping Jack Program Again Offered at Y

Child care for school age children during the Easter school vacation is called the "Jumping Jack Program." Made available to all South Bay families, it is especially designed for employed mothers to solve the problem of what to do about school age children on vacation while mother is at work.

The YWCA is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., April 8 through Friday, April 12.

Each day a regular schedule will be observed to include crafts, games, movies and stories. There will be special events during the week, weather permitting. Children will need to bring a sack lunch, wear play clothes and bring a sweater. Soft drinks or milk will be available to buy if desired. Mothers interested should call the YWCA for registration and additional information.

Dianas Aid Needlework Guild Work

Redondo Beach Dianas Junior Women's Club supports the Needlework Guild of America each year. Fresh, new clothing is collected by the Needlework Guild and distributed to the needy through Peninsula institutions, agencies and schools. Some private families with temporary hardships are also aided.

Through thousands of individual gifts of clean, new morale-boosting garments, the Guild seeks to meet the needs of our own area while keeping charity on a personal, neighborly basis.

Mrs. Albert Rolstead, Needlework chairman of the Dianas, reports that the Dianas donated 13 garments and \$25 for the year.

The Dianas are affiliated with the California Federation of Women's Clubs, Marina District, Junior Membership.



ZOILA GARCIA

A group of Spanish songs by Zoila Garcia was enjoyed by those attending South High's Operation Nepal last weekend. Miss Garcia, who appeared in the Latin Fiesta Pavilion, is the nineteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. Miriam Garcia, 714 Madrid Avenue. A 1966 graduate of Torrance High School, the talented soprano is a student of Nadine Farrar Nickol.

Friends Together After 30 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sears, who with several other couples are enjoying a weekend at Lake San Marcos, had the pleasure of having lunch on Friday at Ocean-side with old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Don Longwell. The Sears and Longwells were friends in Lone Pine more than 30 years ago and Friday was the first time they had seen each other since then.

Big Bear Trip

Approximately 30 students from the local high schools, including the five foreign exchange students, enjoyed a weekend at Big Bear.

Accompanying the youngsters were AFS chapter officers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Orrell, Mrs. Leo Levine and Miss Ariene Merino.

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